

TOKEN HUNTER

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Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving
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* * * * * PRIZES * * * * * THIS MEETING * * *

There is a free drawing for those who
come to the meeting on time Just sign log book.
Also, enter our monthly contest for more prizes,
and a really nice grand prize

One week early
to allow for Thanksgiving

November

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Thursday, Nov 17
7:00 PM

Redwood Center
3100 South Redwood Road

Bottle Night

Bring some of your favorite bottles
and tell us about them



President's

Message



Time to go where it's warmer to hunt? It's getting a bit cool in the mornings. This year we had speakers on the older bottles. For November I thought it would be fun for everyone to bring in their cool bottles of old to show off, ones that you collected through the years (either traded, bought or dug). I've even seen a lot of glass trains and cars made for selling candy, which came through the find of the month. All this stuff might be fun. You may want to bring some for trade, anything made from glass, like lamps or souvenir items, or soda, milk, wine, whiskey or drug bottles.

Rich

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November 17, 2005 NUTS Meeting at the Redwood Multipurpose Center

Promptness Prize Those who come to the meeting on time and sign the log book, might win the drawing for a nice coin.

Find of the Month Bring things you found since the last meeting.

Bring in some of your favorite bottles and tell us about them You might also bring in some you want to trade or sell.

Game of Skill Try for your favorite prize, and have fun.

Election of Officers Nominations will be accepted, and then we will decide on our 2006 officers

Last Meeting the speaker we had planned on, Jay Atchison, had a scheduling conflict, and couldn't come. We still hope to get him to talk to us some time next year.

Brian Jessop did a great talk about Thailand currency, and told stories about his trip to Thailand. Thank you Brian.

Ralph Gold talked about crawling through mine shafts at Delmar (not recommended)

Mel Melgram talked about places to metal detect in downtown New York City, and about an excursion through the mining areas south of Wendover. He says the locals there love to get fresh newspapers and fresh sodas.

Nominations were opened for 2006 NUTS officers. More nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. People nominated so far are:

President—Eldon Farnsworth
Vice President—Mel Milgrom
Treasurer—Don Swain
Editor—Leara Bernhard
Medals Chairman—Don Swain
Wagon Master—Leo Vera
Wagon Master—Wayne Erickson
Wagon Master—Ralph Gold
Wagon Master—Bert Milano

Winners for the Coin and Token Show displays were awarded medals:

Best of Show, "Coffee Plantation Tokens", Leo Vera
People's Choice, "Fireman Badges", Eldon Farnsworth
Participant, "Tax Tokens", Karen Secor

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Up Coming Events

Nov 17, NUTS Meeting, Redwood Multipurpose Center, 7:00 p.m. We will talk about bottles.

Dec 29, Christmas Party, Golden Corral in Layton, 1624 N. Heritage Park Blvd. 6:00 p.m. There will be separate drawings: (1) for everyone there (2) for club members only, and (3) for those who helped at the show. Also, members who attended at least half the meetings will receive a special gift.

Find of the Month Winners in October

US COIN

1. 1929-S Nickel----Leo Vera
2. 1961-D----Mel Milgrom
3. 1983 penny----Karen Secor

FOREIGN COIN

1. British Penny 1900's----Leo Vera
2. Canadian Penny, 1959----Mel Milgrom

TOKEN

1. (R) Skill Token----Leo Vera
2. Utah Tax ----Mel Milgrom

JEWELRY

1. Western Boot Copper----Mel Milgrom
2. Brooch----Leo Vera

ARTIFACT

1. Cast Iron 30's car----Mel Milgrom
2. SD License Plate
3. 1943 I. D. Tag----Leo Vera

BUTTON (tie)

1. Military Button----Leo Vera
1. Copper Scalloped----Mel Milgrom
2. Mother-of-Pearl----Karen Secor
2. Flowery Button----Andrew Benson

NON-METAL

1. White Bottle----Leo Vera
2. Binder Bros. Yanton SD bottle

MARBLE

1. Adobe----Mel Milgrom
2. Blue & Orange----Leo Vera

OLDEST US COIN

1. 1917-D Penny----Leo Vera
2. 1917-S Penny----Mel Milgrom

OLDEST US CENT

1. 1900 Indian Head----Leo Vera
2. 1905----Mel Milgrom

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. 1943-S Nickel----Mel Milgrom
2. 1928-D Lincoln Cent----Leo Vera

BOTTLE

1. Long Pine Beverages----Karen Secor
2. Chamberlains----Andrew Benson
3. Denhalter Soda----Leo Vera

***There are two rules
every treasure seeker should follow***

Rule # 1

Don't tell people everything you know

A True Treasure Hunter's Quest

In the year of 1986, I lived in Venezuela, South America. My father, brother and I had the opportunity to investigate the following story:

In the year of 1811, the Venezuelan independence movement had started. Venezuela wanted to be independent from Spain. The war was a long and bloody one. It was later to be known as the Death war. No prisoners were spared their lives. The only survival opportunity was to flee the country to the other countries and islands surrounding Venezuela.

It was then, that in 1813, the Spanish general Jose Tomas Boves was given the order from Spain to exterminate the whole population of the country, so they could import Spaniards to repopulate the country at the end of the war. General Boves and 7000 military men embarked in the quest to exterminate the whole Venezuelan population. In la Victoria, another city on the Aragua State in Venezuela, news of the extermination were heard, and the people became horrified, and in panic, and started to flee the area immediately. They tried to escape with what they were wearing at the time. Since they could not carry all their possessions, they entrusted all their gold, silver and other precious items to the local Catholic Priest. In a few days the city appeared deserted as a ghost town.

A few elderly people loyal to the crown and the Catholic Church stayed behind only to be later slain by the military, as the general believed they were to spare no one, priest or saint. A rumor among the few refugees that could escape was that the general had made a pact with the devil, and that he had no mercy.

The priest of La Victoria became afraid, and loaded all the treasure on 14 mules, and fled the city. He followed an ancient path that was known by the locals, trying to reach the city of Los Teques, a Miranda state. However, while traveling, his load appeared to be a burden, and he decided to unload the treasure along the road. He never made it to the city. Rumors that he had buried the treasure spread to other parts of the country, and became a legend.

People speculated about the priest's death. The legend states that he had decided to bury the treasure in three different places along the road before he was cornered by the military and killed.

In 1986 my father, brother and I were invited by a friend to hunt for this treasure. We decided that we were going to focus on one of the places mentioned in the legend, the Consejo de Hacienda in the Aragua State in Venezuela. We focused our quest in a place called the Priest's Hill, as it was later named, and in the Hill of Cocuisas in the same area. In this same place we found some pieces of pottery, coins and weapons among the skeletons that were left scattered in the area, without a proper burial, on top of a mound. It appeared that the sight had witnessed a bloody battle. The skeletons

were later confirmed to be of the independence period. Were they the remains of soldiers? Was the priest among the skeletons? I will never know the answer to these questions.

After a long day hunting with our metal detectors, we decided to rest. My dad started to wonder around the place and it was then that he found a boulder of significant size. He cleared the moss on the rock, and noticed a map carved on the stone. He called me to show me the map and told me to copy the map and take it home to see if we could decipher it later. We decided that next time we would return better prepared, and with the map in hand, to look for the location of the treasure inscribed in the boulder.

However we never had the chance to return to this place. Venezuela started a political and economical decline, and we decided to emigrate from the country, and moved to New York with some family members.

Nineteen years have passed since this, and the treasure is still buried in the hills of Venezuela. If you were to become interested in hunting for this treasure yourself, following is the map I copied from the boulder. Feel free to decipher it, and maybe one day you could also embark on the same quest for the treasure.

P.S.

I will only tell you that Venezuela is not a safe place to be. Its actual president is anti-american, and the country appears to be following the steps of Cuba in becoming a communist country. This saddens me very much, not only because I will not have the chance to hunt for this treasure again, but because Venezuela is a beautiful country.

This is a true story. The treasure was split in three parts. The following map is of one of the three parts of the buried treasure.

Good Luck Hunting!

Your friend

Leo Vera



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